

Correspondence Column

Deserved Honors.

Dear Editor—I am very glad that Emma Chadwick and C. G. Elder got the prize for their drawing. I am going to try to do better about sending things to the paper in the coming year. I am sending a picture, which I hope will be published. Your member,
EDWIN M. GILL.

Likes to Read Stories Every Week.

Dear Editor—I am sending you a drawing, which I hope to see in the paper. I was glad to see my drawings in last week. It is queer how the members can make up such good stories when I can't think of a thing. With many good wishes to you, I am, yours sincerely,
JAMES C. RISQUE.

Wishes Club Success.

Dear Editor—I haven't written for a long time, so I will write this week. I did not see my story in the paper the last time I wrote, but please put this drawing in. I wish the members and the club a great success. I remain your sincere member,
FEDORA VITA, VA. EVELYN RAY.

Midwinter Examinations.

Dear Editor—I was very glad to find my picture in the paper Sunday. We are having examinations this week, and I have been getting along right well. We have only three more to take. I think the weather is just now. Included is another drawing. I hope you will like it. I have my lessons to study now, so will close. Thank you so much for the nice prize. I enjoyed it very much. Your loving member,
LYRA V. RANSON.

Anxious to See Prize.

Dear Editor—I was very much surprised, but delighted, to see that I won a prize. I have not gotten it yet, but am anxious to know what it is. I am sending a drawing which I hope to see in print. We certainly have had some cold weather out here in the country. I must close. Your true member,
MARY McDaniel.

Interested in Our Club.

Dear Editor—I have long been interested in your sheet and would like very much to join the T. D. C. C. I am enclosing a story entitled "After the Rainy Day," which I hope will surely excite the members. It is my first attempt in writing one. I hope I will soon be your member.
ELIZABETH WALLIS.

James River Frozen Over.

Dear Editor—I received my model last week, the same day I sent my letter to you. I thank you ever and ever so much for it and then I don't feel as if I had thanked you half enough. I think it is the best little pin I ever saw, and I am so pleased with it. It is the best prize of all. I think the design, "Times-Dispatch," is so good. I studied a long time to see what it meant. My mother is going to have a safety catch put on it so I won't lose it. We live on the James river. It has been frozen over for about a week, but now the boats have begun to break it up, so the ice floats back and forth with the tide. The crocks, crabs and other things get on the ice and make slides, and it sure does look funny. With best wishes for the club, your loving member,
JEANETTE WALCOTT FREEMAN.

St. Valentine's Day.

Dear Editor—I felt greatly relieved when I read your letter. I had sent so many stories that I did not appear. I thought you had forgotten them, but I am glad to keep quiet now and wait. You asked if every one liked this cold weather. Well, to tell the truth, I don't like it at all, although I've had a dandy time sliding. But the ice is melting now, and I'm not sorry one bit. I certainly would like to know who drew "An Old Member." I made out J. J. T. as one of the members. I can't think of any one else. I don't think I have ever met any one of the members. But to old member with those initials. But to other things. St. Valentine's Day will soon be here. I am always glad when that day comes around, for I'm always remembered by friends, and oh! you, Valentine! Editor, I'm sending a picture and poem. I hope you'll find them also enough to print. C. G. Elder can certainly write a fine, short story. One of the members wrote about contributions of 1906 and 1907. I have kept all of the work since we first joined, and the arrangements are wonderful. Well, I must now close for this time. An old member,
WILLIE E. CHADWICK.

Rhyme Illustrated by Drawing.

Dear Editor—These few drawings are all I have had time for lately, but I hope that one of them at least will be good enough to print. In the picture of the cat, the rhyme was copied, but the head is original. If I possibly can, I am going to send you another story before the end of the week. With best wishes for the club, I remain, yours sincerely,
ANNA MARIE HINNAN.

The Little Chadwick Girl's Prize.

Dear Editor—It has been a very long time since I have sent anything to the T. D. C. C., but I have watched the paper every Sunday, and was very glad that the little Chadwick girl got the prize. I enclose several drawings. Yours truly,
KATHERINE SNOW.

Sleepy and Tired.

Dear Editor—I will try to write you a few lines tonight, as I have just finished studying my lessons. I am so sleepy, I don't know if I will be able to write much. I am sending a drawing. It is right large, but I couldn't very well make it any smaller. I hope it isn't too large. I am sending it Sunday's T. D. C. C. Well, as I can't think of anything else to say will close. As ever, your true member,
B. E. D. No. 4, Box 25 Ashland, Va.

Reminds Us of Valentine's Day.

Dear Editor—I was really surprised to see that I had won a prize. I hope my drawing will be published. I am anxious to see the next issue of Valentine's Day will soon be here. From your member,
J. REGINALD BAILEY.

Will Be More Regular.

Dear Editor—I have not written for a long time, so I think I will write a little now. I am sending a drawing, which I hope to see in the paper. I was very glad to see my story in print. "Our French Poodle." I will try to write more regular. I have been very busy, but will close now. I remain, your true member,
MARY STAIR WEAVER.

Her Highness, the Queen.

Dear Editor—I don't seem to be able to think of a story. I am sending a picture named "Her Highness." I hope you will see it. I want to be way back yonder in the time of Queen Elizabeth, when the queens had nothing to do but hold their heads high. I hope you can print the picture I am sending. Your member,
EDWIN M. GILL.

Admires Chadwick's Work.

Dear Editor—I was glad to see my drawing in the paper. I am sending a story, which I hope will excite the members. The Chadwick certainly did good work. I could do as well as they do. It is just last week and the week before. I was told to play out of doors. We are having a great time at school this week. I hope I will stand at school. I will be in high school next winter. I was twelve years old in the last year. I will try to draw some pretty pictures next month. Well, I will close for this time. Your member,
FEDORA VITA, VA. NORMA W. RISQUE.

GELERT.

A great nobleman of Wales once owned a dog, which was his favorite playmate of his infant son and often watched beside his cradle. The dog was so fond of the child, that when the child was in the room in great confusion and the cradle empty, he would stand by the dog, his mouth stained with blood. Without waiting to learn if he slew the dog, he would then, behind the cradle, lay beside him, lay the body of a huge wolf.

Great was the nobleman's sorrow for his hasty deed. The nobleman could not bring the dog back to life, so he built a great monument to his child's faithful defender, and gave the dog's name, Gelert, to the place where it stood.

Selected CATHERINE LYNCH.

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Puzzle Department

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Ashtand, Va. THELMA TIGNOR.

February Puzzle.



Which one of the Presidents? AN OLD MEMBER.

Answers to Clites in Figures, by Rebecca Cooper:

1. Washington.
2. Baltimore.
3. Boise.
4. Des Moines.
5. Portland.
6. Boston.
7. Richmond.

Answers to "What Poetic" by Rebecca Cooper:

1. Whittier.
2. Poe.
3. Longfellow.
4. Tennyson.
5. Keyes.
6. Smith.
7. Keyes.
8. Smith.
9. Keyes.
10. Keyes.

Answers to Rivers in Figures, by Rebecca Cooper:

1. Ohio.
2. James.
3. Arkansas.
4. Amazon.
5. Congo.
6. Colorado.
7. Wabash.

Answers to Gate Puzzle, by Mary McDaniel:

1. Gate.
2. Segregate.
3. Aggregate.
4. Interrogate.
5. Subjugate.
6. Delegate.
7. Elongate.
8. Abrogate.
9. Profligate.

Answers to "Tree Puzzles," by Mary Hobson:

1. Weeping willow.
2. Palm.
3. Palm.
4. Palm.
5. Man.

Answers to "Hidden Animals," by Mary Hobson:

1. Onu.
2. Goat.
3. Cow.
4. Leopard.
5. Man.

Answers to Rivers in Figures, by Mary McDaniel:

1. Snake.
2. James.
3. Ohio.
4. Brazos.
5. Merton.
6. Missouri.
7. Hudson.
8. Mississippi.
9. Rio Grande.
10. Red.

Answer to Oxford Colleges in Figures, by Mary McDaniel:

1. Magdalen.
2. Queens.
3. Brasenose.
4. Pembroke.
5. Merton.
6. University.
7. All Souls.
8. Hertford.
9. Exeter.

JEANETTE WALCOTT FREEMAN, Cotman, Va., Age twelve.

MY FAVORITE WILD FLOWER.

The daisy is my favorite wild flower. It seems to me the very emblem of innocence and purity, with its golden heart and snow-white petals, while its lovely face is always looking upward, as asking the care and guidance of the Father in Heaven. This pretty little flower is also a great favorite with children, and they often spend many happy hours weaving them into daisy chains. They are much sought after by city people, and country boys and girls frequently carry them in town to sell.

The ox-eyed daisy was introduced in America during the Civil War. The seed are supposed to have been scattered by the soldiers with the horses' feed, and in this way became quite widespread. We should be very grateful to them, for a prettier flower cannot be found.

COURTNEY K. MEADE.

THE FLY.

A fly is an insect. It has six legs, and its body seems to be divided into three parts. It has two large eyes on its head, and if we could look at them through a magnifying glass, we would see that each eye is made up of a large number of little eyes.

It has two wings, which move so quickly that we hardly see them. It has three pairs of legs, and with them it can walk and run, but cannot jump.

Its feet are so made that it can walk on a window pane, wall, or even a ceiling in perfect safety.

Flies are not very nice things to have around, as they are not particular what they touch and carry all kinds of diseases.

BROWN HILTON.

Stanton, Va.